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## LAREDO'S RAIN-MAKERS' LECTURED.

The Severe Drouth in that Section Happily Broken Laid at their Door.

ALEXANDER, TEXAS, July 13, '92.  
EDITOR HERALD: Permit the writer for the church of Christ at this place to address the drouth stricken sufferers of your section of the state.

Here people are rejoicing over the most bountiful crops with which they have even been blessed while your people are actually suffering for bread.

It is not an exaggeration to say that this county (Erath) has made a sufficiency of corn and wheat to feed 100,000 people for twelve months. This good year 1892, find us so, but another decade may find the tables turned. Alas! with all of this abundance nothing is being done for your suffering people, but we are praying that it may be speedily. For the present distress we are today praying that "the heaven may give you rain," to the starving people of Starr, Hidalgo and Cameron counties, and let the rain continue that corn may be made this year.

Today is with us a day of fasting and prayer, and we remember your people. Whether or not the God we worship will send you rain we know not, but he may incline his ear, and for this we pray, and that God, through Jesus Christ, may receive the glory.

Yours for the faith in Christ.

W. H. KITTRELL.

P. S. I send you the article I wrote to the Laredo Times, which appeared in their paper of the 7th inst.

W. H. K.

Alexander, Texas, July 15, '92.  
Laredo Daily Times;

In the Sunday copy of the Dallas Morning News I saw where the Laredo Times states that section is in terrible straits for the lack of rain, and also that services in the churches will be devoted entirely to prayer for rain. It has been fulfilled in your section of country what is written in the 107 psalm 33 to 40 verses. "He turneth the rivers into a wilderness and the water springs into a dry ground and fruitful land into barrenness for the wickedness of them that dwell therein," and if he will can fulfill unto you the promise of the 35 verses which reads; "He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and the dry ground into water springs."

Had the churches directed their prayers to this especial object before Laredo tried to force the heavens to give rain," by the foolish bombardment with bombs which I read of as being practiced by you some time since, then had been fulfilled to you ere this the language of the 35 verse above quoted. In Jeremiah 14 chapter 22 verse, this language is found: "Are there any among the vanities

of the Gentiles that can cause rain?" or "can the heavens give showers?" and then the prophet concluded thus. "Are not thou He, O Lord our God, [i. e., "He" that causes rain &c.] therefore we will wait upon thee; for thou has made all these things."

But you might ask would our efforts delay the rain? I answer without hesitating, yes, because had He that "has made all these things" sent you rain you would have been wedded to such folly and He works only for his glory.

Suppose some one had what he considered a specific for some disease from which you were a sufferer and desired you to test it do you suppose he would be willing that you should at the same time continue some other treatment? Of course not, lest the other, and not his specific got the glory. Further more it is written. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin," and this action of trying to coerce the rain was not of faith in God, but in human skill. Again it is written in Jeremiah 5 chapter, 24 and 25 verses: "Neither say they in their heart let us fear the Lord that giveth rain. And reserveth with us the appointed weeks of harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things and your sins have withholden good things from you."

Now then you see what the Scriptures teach concerning such things, whether you believe it or not.

Now then, let the people of Laredo and surrounding country do as did the people of Nineveh, who repented at the preaching of Jonah, and God will turn away his anger, and pour out upon them a rich blessing such as they "will not have room to hold," and they will find that this drouth has been to them a great instructor and was to many sent.

Publish this and the Church of Christ at this place will pray that as an evidence of the truth written that "The windows of heaven be opened" over all your land, and you receive an abundance of rain and unaccompanied by storms, and that the seasons continue throughout the year.

"Who knows," as said the king of Nineveh, "if God will repent and turn away his fierce wrath etc." Let your readers read the 3rd chapter of Jonah. "These people fasted" also.

Yours for the faith in God's power and dominion through Jesus Christ.

W. H. KITTRELL

### A Mysterious Box

Homestead, Pa., July 14.—Much talk was caused at Homestead this afternoon by the mysterious care taken at the Carnegie works and a guard on a small box marked "A," iron bound and apparently heavy. The box was escorted by a guard of militia and was carried in most gingerly and timid fashion. It is supposed that the box contained dynamite and the charge is made that it was brought here by strikers but the latter deny this and declare that if found in Homestead it was without their knowledge.

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